

Report of the Director of the Mint, Jan. 31, 1857. Washington. 8vo.—*From the Hon. J. R. Snowden, Director.*

Report to the Secretary of the U. S. Navy, at Washington, of the Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, during the years 1853-4-5: with a chart, showing the discoveries made in the Arctic Regions. By Elisha Kent Kane, M.D. U. S. N. (Geog. Soc. Lond. Jan. 1856.) 8vo.—*From the Hon. John K. Kane.*

Rapport de A. C. Buchanan, Ecuyer, Agent Principal des Emigrés, pour l'année 1855. Quebec. 8vo.—*From L. A. Huguet Latour, N. P.*

Mr. Dubois laid upon the table a lump of native gold lately received from California, and purchased for the Mint Cabinet. Its fineness is 926 thousandths; value \$43.50. The mass is dendritic in its structure, and its form is extraordinary for native gold; indeed, of the innumerable specimens heretofore received at the Mint, none like it have been noticed. There was not the least quartzose or earthy matter in the many interstices of this specimen when it was received at the Mint.

The following resolution, offered by Mr. Fraley, was read, considered, and unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the President and Secretary be authorized and directed, upon the receipt of the consideration money, to affix the seal of the Society to such deed or deeds of conveyance as may be necessary to grant the Hall of the Society, and the lot of ground and the appurtenances thereto belonging, to the United States, as agreed to be conveyed to them by the resolution of the Society, and the agreement made in conformity therewith, dated the 22d day of March, 1856.

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*Special Meeting, May 29.*

Present, twenty-seven members.

Judge KANE, President, in the Chair.

Dr. Thomas F. Betton, Rev. Kingston Goddard, and Dr. Charles M. Cresson, recently elected members, were presented to the presiding officer, and took their seats.

The President announced that the meeting had been called to receive a report from the committee charged with the duty of negotiating for the purchase of a suitable property for the accommodation of the Society.

The said committee then presented a report, accompanied by the following resolutions:—

1. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to purchase the Spring Garden Hall for the uses of the Society, provided such purchase can be made on advantageous terms.

2. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to negotiate for, and complete such a purchase from the Corporation of the City of Philadelphia, if, in their judgment, the same can be made on terms advantageous to the Society.

Which resolutions were separately read, considered and adopted.

On motion of Dr. Duglison, the committee appointed under the second of the above resolutions, is the same as that heretofore charged with the subject of procuring a suitable property for the uses of the Society, viz.—Mr. Fraley, Prof. Trego and Mr. Justice.

### *Stated Meeting, June 19.*

Present, twenty-six members.

Dr. DUNGLISON, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Major Alfred Mordecai, of the U. S. Army, was introduced, it being his first attendance since his election as a member.

The following donations were announced:—

#### FOR THE LIBRARY.

Memorie dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo di Scienze, Lettere ed Arti.  
Vol. V. Milano, 1856. 4to.

Giornale dell' I. R. Istituto Lombardo. Nuova Serie. Fascicoli  
XXXVII–XLVI. Milano, 1855–6. *From the Royal Lombardy  
Institute.*

Catalogue of Stars near the Ecliptic, observed at Markree during the  
years 1854–5–6, and whose places are supposed to be hitherto un-